

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 2609, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5583–S5624

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1271–1277, and S. Res. 193–194. **Page S5620**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew: Senate agreed to S. Res. 193, honoring the fallen heroes of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew. **Pages S5602–03**

South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: Senate passed H.R. 251, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District. **Page S5623**

Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act: Senate passed H.R. 254, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. **Page S5623**

Measures Considered:

Keep Student Loans Affordable Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans. **Pages S5584–S5602, S5603–15**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 171), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5595**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not in-

voked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5595**

House Messages:

Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 588, to provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center. **Page S5623**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Margaret Louise Cummisky, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino.

Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—171) Page S5595

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5623.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SMITHFIELD FOODS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Smithfield, focusing on foreign purchases of American food companies, after receiving testimony from Matthew J. Slaughter, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, Hanover, New Hampshire; Usha C. V. Haley, West Virginia University Robbins Center for Global Business, Morgantown; Daniel M. Slane, U.S. Chamber of Commerce U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, Washington, D.C.; and C. Larry Pope, Smithfield Foods, Smithfield, Virginia.

STOPPING FRAUDULENT ROBOCALL SCAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine stopping fraudulent robocall scams, focusing on if more can be done, after receiving testimony from Lois Greisman, Associate Director of the Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Eric J. Bash, Associate Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Kevin Rupy, United States Telecom Association, and Michael Altschul, CTIA-The Wireless Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Matthew Stein, Primus Telecommunications Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Aaron Foss, Nomorobo, Mt. Sinai, New York.

REPEALING THE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine repealing the Sustainable Growth Rate and the path forward, focusing on a view from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Blum, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator and Director, Center of Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on preparing for and responding to the attack, after receiving testimony from Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Kurt N. Schwartz, Undersecretary for Homeland Security and Homeland Security Advisor, and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director, Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and Edward F. Davis, Boston Police Department Commissioner, both of Boston Massachusetts; and Arthur L. Kellermann, The RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Wicker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DIABETES RESEARCH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine diabetes research, focusing on reducing the burden of diabetes at all ages and stages, after receiving testimony from Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeffrey Brewer, JDRF, Ray Allen, and Jean Smart, all of New York, New York; and Quinn Ferguson, JDRF Children's Congress, Poland Spring, Maine.